



June 4, 2014

The Springs

Rev. Don Tabberer



"Behold, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:5)

First, let me say that I am very pleased to announce that I have been re-appointed to Sand Springs UMC for a fourth year beginning this week. Linda and I are happy to be continuing the journey of faith that lies ahead of us here. We have been blessed by our time here and know that God has plans that we have yet to imagine for all of us.

The theme of this year's Annual Conference was **"All Things New"**. As we worked through the challenging business of the conference last week, I couldn't help but think about the challenges we are facing right here in Sand Springs. The past few weeks have been difficult for many as we begin to realize that God is asking us to do a number of things in new ways. Our church is being challenged to discover new ways of doing mission and ministry in light of the realities we face in terms of scarce resources and changing realities. We will not live in to scarcity, however; we will march forward into abundance. Our church leadership is working hard to make difficult decisions that will change the way in which our church operates on a daily basis. The goal of these changes is to align ourselves more closely with who we are and who God wants us to become. The result will be a leaner church focused on the mission to **"make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."**

Making disciples is what we are called by Christ to do. The Annual Conference initiative, **"New People, New Places"**, is being developed around this calling and seeks to aid the local church to reach new people in new places with the message of Jesus Christ. This initiative, coupled with the District re-alignment process, offers us new ways to partner with the conference to make all things new in Jesus' name.

Over the past several months our church has celebrated a glorious 100 year history of ministry in Sand Springs. We have honored the work of two congregations who joined together to become SSUMC in 2000. Now we embark on our next 100 years and almost nothing is the same as it was back in 1914. Truly,

much has changed since 2000. I believe that God is asking us to be creative, to step outside of our comfort zone, and really make all things new as we go forward together in ministry.

Some of you may remember that I asked this question a few months ago: **What would it look like; what would we do differently if we were starting a brand new church in Sand Springs in 2014?** I asked us to imagine how things might be different if we were just starting out now, with no history and limited resources. Imagine what it might be like to go out into the community inviting new people to come join us in a brand new church. Imagine the excitement of new people coming into a new place to learn about and worship God. Imagine celebrating as new believers came forward to be baptized because you brought them in to meet Jesus for the first time. Just imagine what the people of God could do in a community that is desperately in need of and searching for a God who loves and forgives and heals the broken-hearted. What if we could do that? What if we could make all things new?

On behalf of the lay leadership of our church, I am asking you to pray for the difficult tasks that face them in the coming weeks and months. Pray that God will be present at every meeting and that he will guide every decision. Then I ask you to imagine what God might be able to do if we would only get out of the way and let God be in charge of everything. That really is the key to our future as a church: allowing God to be in charge of **everything**. We must give him complete control of our time, our talents, our finances, our gifts, and our witness. We must be willing to go where God leads us and do what God asks of us, even when it is inconvenient or we don't understand. It is the toughest assignment of our lives – to submit to God's authority.

The world is changing; church is changing; we must be willing to change too. The things we did 10, 20, or 30 years ago to bring people to God simply do not work anymore. We need to learn what people need and then show them how God will fill them up. We cannot do this by doing the same old thing. It is time for a **new** thing and God is bringing it.

*In His Name,
Pastor Don*



SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Summer Camp Season is just around the corner and we have exciting plans for our junior and senior high school students. Junior High students will attend **Disciple Camp June 4-8**. Senior High students will attend **Day Spring Camp July 10-14**. Several adult volunteers are also planning to attend camp to work with Mark and our students. It costs **\$250.00** to send a student to camp and we often have students who cannot afford to go without assistance. We provide some opportunities to raise money for the camp fund and we only require that each student pay half their fee; our habit has been to scholarship the other half. We are praying for your generosity again this year. As the camp fund raising activities come along, please support them by giving generously to such things as the Pie Auction and the Spaghetti Dinner. You may also be inspired to make a cash donation to the Camp Fund in order to help provide scholarships for students who would not otherwise be able to attend camp. Anything you can do to help will be appreciated as we make every effort to bring our students closer to Christ. To make a donation simply label it "CAMP FUND" and include it with your weekly offering or mail it into the church office. **Thank you!**

100 Years of Memories Video

April and May have been extremely busy months in the church so we have delayed the video production until June. The plan is to have groups of 8-10 people reminiscing together rather than individually. The hope is that when one of you shares a special memory, it will trigger a memory for someone else. The tentative plan is to have 30-minute time slots for each group (that may be adjusted as we get into the actual filming). Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.

The initial filming date will be Saturday, June 7 with a follow-up on June 14 if necessary. You are all invited to participate. Please call Karen Wilder at 918-241-3259 if questions.

Come and Get It!

The medallion celebrating SSUMC's 100 years of serving God is here, at last! They are good lookin' and something you can be proud to own. We do have to charge for them to cover the cost, no profit -- \$10 each. They can be put on a key chain, used as a Christmas ornament, worn with a charm bracelet, used as a necklace. Howard and Betty Smith will be distributing them before Sunday school, between Sunday school and 11:00 AM service, and after that service for several weeks. Or call them, 918-245-7140, and they will make arrangements to get as many as you need to you.

PENTECOST PRAYER VIGIL

This Saturday, June 7, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Our theme, *Revive Us Again*, gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask God to ignite us with His Holy Spirit. Let's pray that our hearts and minds are open to a revival within ourselves and within our church. We all need our quiet moments with God. Our Prayer Vigil gives us that opportunity to set aside quiet moments to listen and be renewed. You may use the Prayer Room, or the Sanctuary for your moments with God. There are still a few openings in the afternoon to fill the church with continuous prayer. Please call the church office, or Virginia at 918-245-9248, to see what time works best for you. And, as always, if you cannot come to the church to pray on Saturday, we hope you will find a quiet place wherever you are, to ask God to "Revive Us Again." May God Bless SSUMC in a mighty way, and may we be ready to accept His will according to His plan. Let's Pray. Virginia

**YOU ARE INVITED TO
A WEDDING SHOWER**

For Mark & Jenny Giovi

*This Sunday, June 8, at 4:00 p.m. in the
church parlor*

*They are registered at Target & Bed,
Bath & Beyond*

*Mark is our new youth director and he &
Jenny were married May 10.*

*Please come and share their joy while
having an opportunity to get to know
what a delightful couple they are.*

*Men are welcome to come also and
support Mark during this special time.*

PROJECT TRANSFORMATION

Our church will volunteer at Project Transformation June 16-19. P.T. is being held at Metropolitan Baptist Church at 1228 W Apache (Just west of the Tisdale Expressway). Volunteers are needed to listen to the children read from 9:30 – 11:30 am each day, Monday through Thursday of that week.

If you would like to volunteer, please sign up in the Church Lobby or call the church office at 918-245-5955.

**Mark Your
Calendars**

Vacation Bible School will be July 20-24 at the 4th & Main Campus.

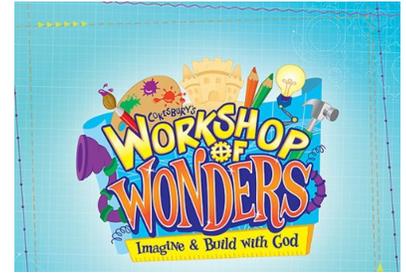
The Closing Program

will be on Thursday at the Family Life Center.

The time will be 6:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. every evening and it is for ages Pre-K thru 6th Grade.

Mark your calendar and begin watching for early registration soon! Begin inviting the neighbors NOW!

Let's make it the biggest year yet!



Prayers For Campers & Missioners

As our kids and youth head off to camp and mission trips this summer, let's remember to keep them in our prayers. Our Jr. High will be at Disciple Camp this week and in mid-June, our Sr. High will be on their Mission Trip. Our Sr. High head to camp on July 9 and will return on July 14th. We want all our campers and missioners to be safe and have a good time. Only prayer can accomplish that for them.

Just a Reminder...

The Prayer Vigil is this Saturday. See article.

Every second Sunday there is a Mission Project at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship Hall for anyone who wishes to participate. Also, the second Saturday of every month is the Helping Hands Mission. They meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:30 a.m. and head out into the community to help our neighbors with unskilled work. Father's Day is June 15th and Church Council is June 22nd at 2:30 p.m. The next 2 newsletters are June 16 & June 30.

Have a safe and happy summer!

Sunday Lists

Sunday Volunteers—June 8

Visitors Center & Coffee-Searchers

Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David

Young Disciples Lesson-8:30a.m.-Kingdom Kids

Young Disciples Lesson-11:00a.m.-Kingdom Kids

Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids

Child. Church-11:00 a.m.-Debbie S. & Jan D.

Counters-Diana Pond & Jack Vest

Sunday Volunteers—June 15

Visitors Center & Coffee-Searchers

Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David

Young Disciples Lesson-8:30a.m.-Jami Warkentin

Young Disciples Lesson-11:00 a.m.-Jami W.

Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids

Child. Church-11:00a.m.-Amy & Lauren Miller

Counters-Betty or Howard Smith & Karen Wilder

Please Keep In Prayer

Ruth Weaver, Donna Woodruff, Destinee Tackett, Sylvia Johnson, Martha Scudder, Virginia Vice, Marilyn Peil, Michael Bostwick & Kelsey (Bostwick family friend), Cathy Hula, Beverly Rousey, Charlotte Cain, Unspoken requests, Darryl Muse, Tristan Schwartz, Jim Wilson, Whitney Roberts, Nique Ropp, June Shreffler, Billie Schmidt, Irene Stogsdill, Owen Johnston, Joyce Stewart, Celia Thompson, SSUMC, Lance Day, Susan Edwards, Ryan Bulmer, Ray Wallis

Acknowledgements

HELP WANTED

We are currently seeking an individual with skills and experience working in WordPress who is interested in helping the church by volunteering to work with our new website. Please contact Pastor Don at revdtabbs@sandspringsumc.org

Thank You...

Thank you so much for the prayers. Clinton is off the prayer list now thanks to your prayers. Of course, we still have a road to haul, but he is so much better!

Clinton & Joanna Wilson

Thank you so much for the yummy food and prayers. You are a great church family!

Joyce Stewart



The Awakening

The Awakening exists to...

"Teach students to genuinely honor Christ through service, reaching out to those around them, and building up a community based on love for one another"

Upcoming Events

June 4th – 8th – Disciple Camp

June 15th – 20th – Mission Trip to Duncan

July 10th – 14th – Dayspring Camp

Update

I hope that you all are doing well. Now that school is out and summer is beginning, I pray that you are getting well-deserved rest, enjoying the time you have with family, and that God will grant each of you safe travels whenever they may be.

This week, we are going to Disciple Camp, which is for our middle schoolers. Join me in praying for the 3 students that are attending that God will reveal Himself to them, grow them, and teach them in new ways they have never experienced before. Pray for our safety as we travel to and from camp.

On June 15th, we will be taking 4 students to Duncan, Oklahoma for our Youth Force Mission Trip. Pray for us that we will find joy in service, and grow through our service to those who are less fortunate than we are. Pray also for safe travels.

The last trip we have scheduled this summer is Dayspring Camp, which is for students entering 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, and graduates. The registration deadline for that is on June 18th so you still have time to get signed up for that. It is \$125 a student, and there are scholarships available for students who cannot afford to pay their way. I would highly encourage everyone to get their student signed up if they can go, it will be a life-changing experience!

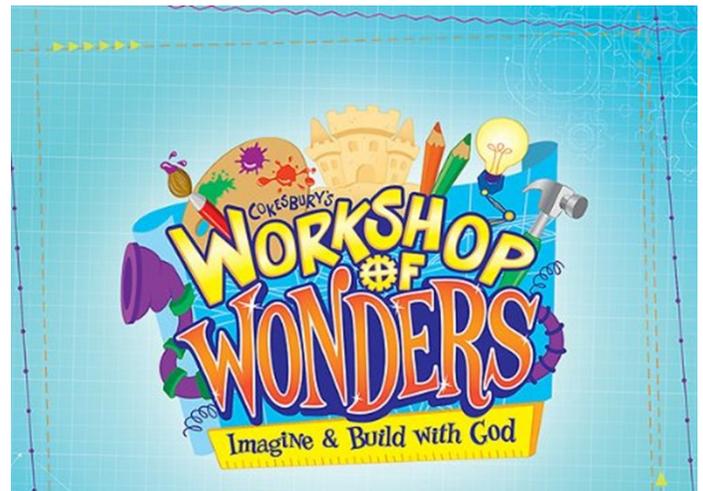
Your Fellow Servant,

Mark



KidZone

Kidzone news will return in the next newsletter, June 16th. In the meantime, if you have questions, please see Marty and Debbie for answers!



Mark Your Calendar

Workshop of Wonders

Vacation Bible School

July 20-24

6:15-8:30 p.m.

Ages Pre-K-6th Grade

Early registration will begin soon so watch for sign up sheets in the narthex.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FLC-Family Life Center**

Wednesday, June 4-JH Disciple Camp

7:30 a.m.-M/W Breakfast—Crescent Café
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music
6:30 p.m.-The Awakening Youth-FLC
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Ringers
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir

Thursday, June 5-JH Disciple Camp

6:30 p.m.-FLC in use

Friday, June 6-JH Disciple Camp

6:00 p.m.-FLC in use

Saturday, June 7-JH Disciple Camp

7:00 a.m.-Revive Us Again Prayer Vigil

Sunday, June 8-JH Disciple Camp Return

8:30 a.m.-Modern Worship; 11:00 a.m.-Classic Worship
10:00 a.m.-Mission Project-F. Hall
10:00 a.m.-Sunday School
9:45 a.m.-Communion
1:00 p.m.-Youth Mentor Group
1:15 p.m.-Finance Committee Meeting
4:00 p.m.-Wedding Shower-Giovi's (See Inside for details)

Monday, June 9

10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC
6:15 p.m.-2nd Monday Book Club-Parlor
7:00 p.m.-Boy Scouts-FLC

Tuesday, June 10

6:30 p.m.-Cub Scouts-FLC
7:00 p.m.-Praise Team
7:00 p.m.-Al-Anon-Upstairs

Wednesday, June 11

7:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast-Crescent Café
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Ringers
6:30 p.m.-The Awakening Youth
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir

Thursday, June 12

11:00 a.m.-Needlers-Parlor
6:30 p.m.-FLC in use
7:00 p.m.-Stewardship Meeting

Friday, June 13

6:00 p.m.-FLC in use

Saturday, June 14

7 a.m.-Helping Hands

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Return Service Requested

Questions about SSUMC Women?

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Ruth Esther: Barbara Fisher (Mrs. Conite)-918-241-9859
Faith: Rita Randall: 918-224-8482

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